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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

This is in further response to the final Office Action dated August 25, 2005 (Paper No. 20050822) and in response to the Advisory Action dated December 15, 2005 (Paper No. 20051208). This response is being timely submitted by January 25, 2006 in view of the simultaneous submission of a two-month Petition for Extension of Time, including payment of fees. Further, the finality of the present Office Action has been removed in view of the filing herewith of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows: